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Title: PROTECTING THIN
SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS DURING
BACK-GRINDING IN HIGH-VOLUME
PRODUCTION

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AMENDMENT A

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 dated February 17, 2006. Applicant notes that this filing is a replacement for the Amendment filed on February 7, 2006.

As such, this Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2005, for which a response is due on February 28, 2006, with a two-month extension and fee of \$225. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees to process this Amendment, or credit any over-payments that may apply, to Deposit Account No. 50-2284 (Order No. AMS1-P001).

The amendments set forth herein are provided solely to clarify the invention as filed and set forth in the pending claims in order to comply with applicable statutes and regulations. The amendments are not intended to limit the invention or preclude the application of equivalents which Applicant may be entitled to under law.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.